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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

42 April 1, 2014

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

April 01, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES (PFU) BUDGET FOR STRATEGIC VIDEO EXPANSION

#### SUBJECT

Approval of an Appropriation Adjustment transferring one-time funding from the Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) budget to the Public Defender's Fiscal Year 2013-14 operating budget to begin expanding its video conferencing system.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment I) transferring \$521,000 of one-time funding from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to the Public Defender's current FY 2013-14 operating budget to begin expanding the Department's video conferencing system.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Public Defender is leading the County into the future with a comprehensive, forward looking Communications/Video Strategy that builds on its existing video conferencing system. This expansion will address multiple "communication use cases" with three focus areas: improving legal representation of adults and youth in the justice system; enhancing staff development; and increasing the Department's overall efficiency and productivity.

# <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The Strategic Video Expansion promotes the County's Strategic Plan of Operational Effectiveness by increasing attorney-client communications and expanding staff development and promotes Fiscal Responsibility by reducing travel time and mileage for jail visits and staff trainings.

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#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost for the Strategic Video Expansion is \$1,042,000 over a two year period of which \$521,000 is budgeted in the Provisional Financing Uses budget and is expected to be spent in FY 2013-14. The Appropriation Adjustment is transferring funds from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to the Public Defender services and supplies operating budget. The Department will request the remaining \$521,000 in the FY 2014-15 Budget process to complete the Video Expansion project. Attachment II is an estimated implementation schedule for the two year period for the eleven Public Defender branch conference room video training units.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The transfer of funds from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to a Department requires Board authorization.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The goal of Strategic Video Expansion is to substantially increase the Public Defender video usage over the next two years. Video technology is a major part of the Public Defender's Communications Strategy. It enhances the quality of legal representation by facilitating communications between the attorney and client in custody. It also plays a key role in staff development when used as the mode to deliver training to staff countywide. Video technology also increases productivity by recapturing wasted driving time (1.1 hours per interview) to jail facilities and avoids mileage costs (46 miles per round trip).

The Public Defender has been a long term video conferencing leader in all County video usage. The Public Defender conducts more than 50% of all County video sessions on a monthly basis for adult and juvenile clients through its Justice Inmate Video Conferencing System (JIVCS) for adults and its Juvenile Justice Inmate Video Conferencing System (JJIVCS) for juveniles. In calendar year 2013, the Public Defender conducted 14,492 video interviews.

### **CONCLUSION**

Upon your Board's approval, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, return two (2) adopted stamped copies of the Board letter to: Los Angeles County Public Defender, Attention: Kelly Emling, Chief Deputy, 210 West Temple Street, 19th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012.

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Respectfully submitted,

RONALD L. BROWN

Public Defender

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**Enclosures** 

Chief Executive Officer Auditor Controller

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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#### **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

#### REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. 670

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

March 5, 2014

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

#### ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2013-14

3 - VOTES

# SOURCES

PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES - Various A01-CB-2000-13749-13760 SERVICES AND SUPPLIES - \$521,000

**DECREASE APPROPRIATION** 

#### USES

PUBLIC DEFENDER A01-PD-2000-15200 SERVICES AND SUPPLIES - \$521,000

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION** 

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 521,000

**USES TOTAL:** \$ 521,000

## JUSTIFICATION

This appropriation adjustment is needed to transfer funds in the amount of \$521,000 from Provisional Financing Uses to Public Defender Services and Supplies to fund the Public Defender Video Expansion project for the first phase of a two year project.

ADOPTED POARD OF SUPERVISORS

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE Ronald L. Brown, Public Defender

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

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REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACTION

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#### ATTACHMENT II

# STRATEGIC VIDEO EXPANSION

# Equipment Rollout Schedule for Implementation of Branch Conference Room Video Training

CJC Executive Conference Room

CJC Training/Conference Room

Pomona Conference Room

Lancaster Conference Room

Pasadena Conference Room

Lynwood IT Conference Room

Long Beach Conference Room

Airport Conference Room

Compton Conference Room

Van Nuys Conference Room

CJC Library/Conference Room

Norwalk Conference Room

San Fernando Conference Room

**Torrance Conference Room** 

September - October 2014

September - December 2014

November 2014

November - December 2014

December 2014

December - January 2015

January 2015

January - February 2015

February – March 2015

March 2015

March - April 2015

April 2015

April- June 2015

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